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SUBJ: OWEN/YOUNG STATEMENTS ON ARRIVAL AT EMBAKASI AIRPORT

AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT
BY FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AT 1800 HRS. AUG. 30
AND MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO THE PRESS:

FM WAIYAKI - I WANT TO WELCOME VERY WARMLY BOTH DR. OWEN AND MR.
YOUNG TO KENYA AND I KNOW THAT LOOKING AT YOUR FACES YOU WANT TO
ASK THEM A FEW QUESTIONS AND HEAR SOME WISE WORDS FROM THEM, SO
DR. OWEN I SUPPOSE YOU WILL BE OPENING.
DR. OWEN - WELL, I'D JUST SAY, IF I WERE OPENING, THAT I'M DELIGHTED
TO BE HERE AND I'VE WANTED TO COME TO THIS COUNTRY FOR MANY MANY YEARS

AND THIS IS ACTUALLY MY FIRST VISIT, WHICH IS IN SOME WAYS
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SURPRISING BUT I'M REALLY DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AND IWISH I WERE
STAYING LONGER. NOW I IMAGINE YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT SOME OTHER THINGS.

AMBASSADOR YOUNG - WELL, I GUESS IT IS ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE GOOD
FRIENDS AND BOTH OUR NEW AMBASSADOR HERE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER
HAVE BEEN GOOD FRIENDS OF MINE AND FOR ME I HOPE THIS IS MORE A
RELAXING VISIT BETWEEN WHAT HAS BEEN A VERY INTERESTING TRIP THUS

FAR.

FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI - ANY QUESTIONS?

QUESTION - AMB. YOUNG, HOW DO YOU VIEW THE PROGRESS SO FAR IN YOUR RHODESIAN PEACE MISSION?

AMB. YOUNG - I DON'T REALLY VIEW THE PROGRESS.

QUESTION - YOU DIDN'T SEE ANY PROGRESS?

AMB. YOUNG - I THINK OUR JOB HAS BEEN TO COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE IN VERY DIVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES A SET OF VERY REASONABLE PROPOSALS AND I THINK DR. OWEN HAS VERY EXPERTLY COMMUNICATED THOSE PROPOSALS.

QUESTION - HOW ABOUT THE RESPONSE?

DR. OWEN - WELL, ONCE WE START GETTING INTO DISCUSSIONS AT VERY PLACE ABOUT WHAT OR WAS NOT A REACTION TO IT WE'D FIND THAT THIS IS NOT VERY HELPFUL SO WE TENDED TO AVOID THAT AND JUST DEAL WITH THE DISCUSSIONS. BY SAYING NOT TOO MUCH ABOUT IT AT THIS STAGE THE MOMENT IS COMING WHEN WE WILL SAY ABOUT THE PROPOSALS AND WE WILL PUBLISH THEM. THAT'S PROBABLY GOING TO BE THURSDAY.

QUESTION - DR. OWEN, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE FRONT LINE STATES STAND ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS? UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE REJECTED THEM OUTRIGHT.

DR. OWEN - THAT'S NEWS TO ME.

AMBASSADOR YOUNG - AND ME TOO.

QUESTION - WELL, THIS IS WHAT HAS BEEN REPORTED ALL ALONG, THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SAYING NO TO THE PROPOSALS.

DR. OWEN - WELL, WE'VE BEEN TALKING TO THEM, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE .

FM WAIYAKI - SORRY THERE WILL BE NO MORE QUESTIONS. THANK YOU VERY UNCLASSIFIED

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